

ABSOLUTE

SUPERMAN



ALL IN

15+
TEEN+ 8

A
NEW
STORY
STARTS
HERE!



SMALLVILLE
BOOKS

SANDOVAL

AARON
SANDOVAL
ARREOLA

TIME IS A FRAGILE TOY, AND SHE'S ABOUT TO BREAK IT!

TRINITY ^{#1}

DAUGHTER OF
WONDER WOMAN

TRINITY RETURNS
FOR HER FIRST
SIX-ISSUE
MINISERIES
FROM WRITER
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ALL IN

JUNE



DEATH TO THE OPPRESSORS!

DIRECTOR AL GHUL? THEY'RE READY FOR YOU NOW.



SHALL I PATCH YOU THROUGH TO THE EARNINGS CALL?

RRRRGGGH!

SHUNK

BY ALL MEANS, UBU. WE MUSTN'T KEEP THE INVESTORS WAITING.



LADIES AND GENTLEMEN. YOU KNOW THE YEAR'S NUMBERS.

RECORD PROFITS, GROWTH IN EVERY QUARTER, EXPANSION INTO EIGHTEEN COUNTRIES. YOU'VE HEARD IT ALL BEFORE.

BUT HERE IS SOMETHING I SUSPECT YOU HAVEN'T HEARD.



KRRNCH

HHRRGGH!

THAT IS THE SOUND OF AN ASSASSIN, SENT BY THOSE WHO WOULD DISMANTLE EVERYTHING WE'VE BUILT.

AN AGENT OF THE OMEGA MEN.



KRRNCH

I THOUGHT YOU MIGHT LIKE TO LISTEN AS I KILL HIM.





A LIFETIME AGO,
THE NAME **RA'S AL
GHUL** STRUCK FEAR INTO
THE HEARTS OF THE
MASSES AND THEIR
MASTERS ALIKE.

THE
**DEMON'S
HEAD**, THEY
CALLED
ME.

BUT LIKE
LAZARUS...
I WAS
REBORN.



YOU MAY
CALL ME THE
GOD'S HEAD
NOW.

THE
GOD WITH
THE POWER TO
HEAL THE LAME.
TO RESTORE
THE OLD.

TO
SAVE THIS
PLANET FROM
THE BILLIONS OF
LEECHES WHO
WOULD BLEED
IT DRY.



MY ONLY
REGRET IS
THAT I HAVE NO
SON THROUGH
WHICH TO DO
THIS.

WAAH?



NOT
YET, I
DON'T.

THE CITY OF METROPOLIS.

SMALLVILLE,
KANSAS.

THERE
WAS...A PLACE
IN THE ARCTIC
OCEAN.

SVALBARD.
ISLANDS WITH
MORE POLAR BEARS
THAN PEOPLE. AT
NIGHT, YOU WERE
SURROUNDED BY...A
WHOLE LOT OF
NOTHING.

NOTHING
BUT **STARS.**

JUST
LIKE THE
**TALLGRASS
PRAIRIE.** LIKE
THE FLINT HILLS
DOWN THE
ROAD.

JUST LIKE
HOME.

I THINK YOU
WOULD'VE LIKED
IT THERE, **MISS
MARTHA.**

I THINK
YOU...**BOTH**
WOULD'VE.

I
BROUGHT YOU
SOME SEASHELLS.
FROM ALL FIVE
OCEANS.

YOU
ALWAYS SAID
YOU WISHED
YOU COULD
SEE THE...

JONATHAN?

JONATHAN,
IS THAT YOU?

WHY DID
YOU **LEAVE**
ME HERE...

MARTHA,
IT'S ME.
IT'S--

WHAT?! **WHO
ARE YOU?!**
JONATHAN!

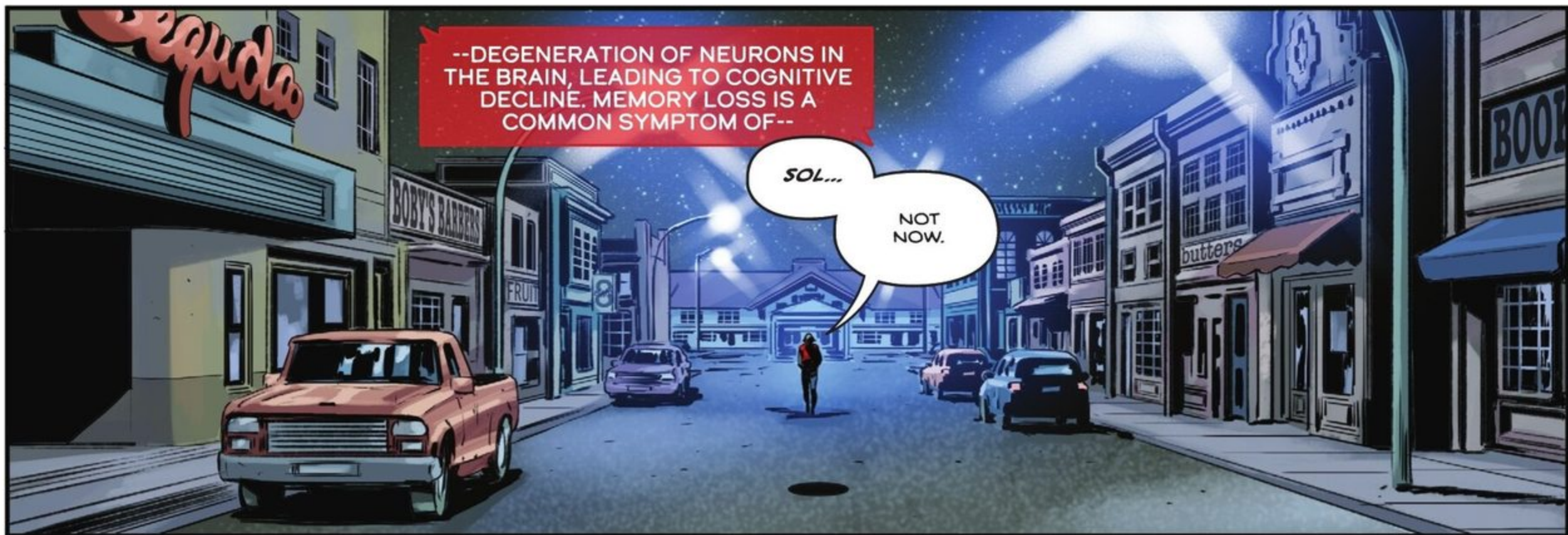
IT'S OKAY.
IT'S **KAL.**
REMEMBER
THE--

JONATHAN!

THERE'S
SOMEONE IN
MY ROOM!

HELP!

**W
H
O
O
S
H**



--DEGENERATION OF NEURONS IN THE BRAIN, LEADING TO COGNITIVE DECLINE. MEMORY LOSS IS A COMMON SYMPTOM OF--

SOL...

NOT NOW.



YOU PEOPLE HAVE NO SHAME.



ARE YOU KIDDING? I'VE GOT MORE THAN I KNOW WHAT TO DO WITH.

BUT, UH, THAT'S NOT REALLY WHY I CAME HERE... **SUPERMAN.**

I'M FROM THE OMEGA MEN. I'VE BEEN SENT TO--



DOESN'T MATTER. WHATEVER IT IS, THE ANSWER WILL ALWAYS BE **NO.**

THAT GOES FOR THE **BOTH** OF YOU.



I'M SORRY TO DO THIS HERE. I REALIZE WHAT THIS TOWN MEANS TO YOU. OR WHAT IT **MIGHT'VE**, IF YOU'D BEEN ALLOWED TO STAY.

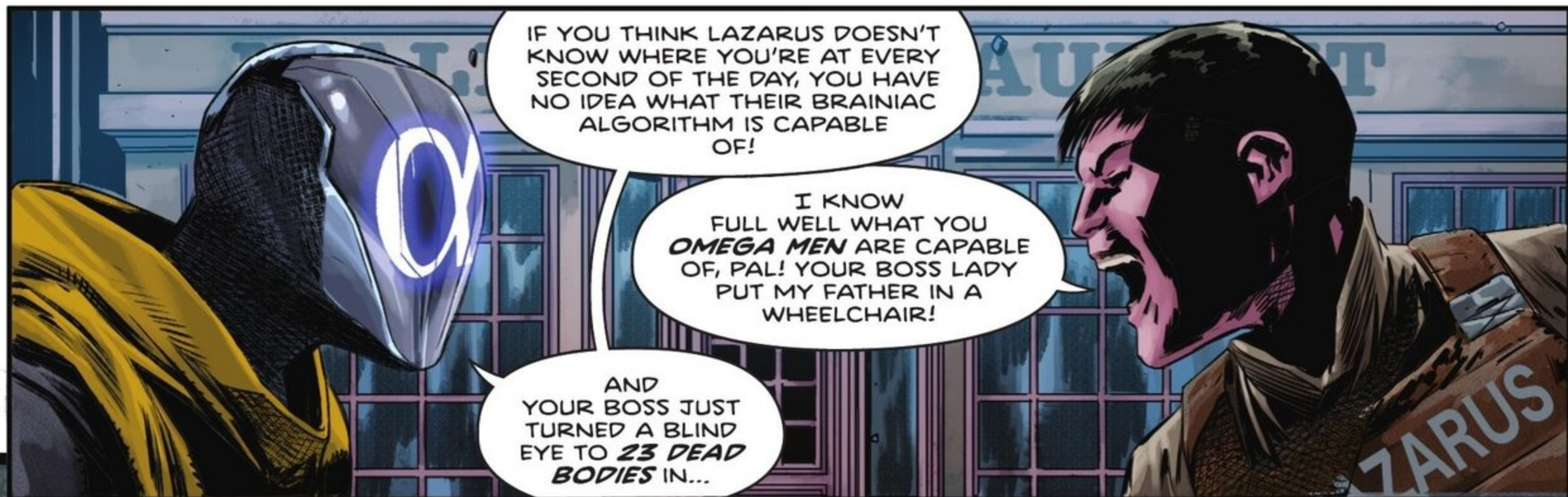
JUST BELIEVE ME WHEN I SAY...I'M HERE ALONE. NOT AS AN AGENT OF LAZARUS. JUST AS ME.



LOIS LANE.

CLOSED

NOW OWNED BY LAZARUS CORP!



IF YOU THINK LAZARUS DOESN'T KNOW WHERE YOU'RE AT EVERY SECOND OF THE DAY, YOU HAVE NO IDEA WHAT THEIR BRAINIAC ALGORITHM IS CAPABLE OF!

I KNOW FULL WELL WHAT YOU **OMEGA MEN** ARE CAPABLE OF, PAL! YOUR BOSS LADY PUT MY FATHER IN A WHEELCHAIR!

AND YOUR BOSS JUST TURNED A BLIND EYE TO **23 DEAD BODIES** IN...



WAIT... WHERE'D HE GO?

DAMN IT!



THREE YEARS AGO, THERE WAS A CHURCH DOWN THE STREET THAT CAUGHT FIRE! ONLY FOR THAT FIRE TO SOMEHOW **FREEZE**, SAVING EVERYONE INSIDE!

TWO YEARS AGO, A SMALLVILLE SCHOOL BUS WAS DRAGGED FROM A LAKE, WITH NO ONE AROUND!

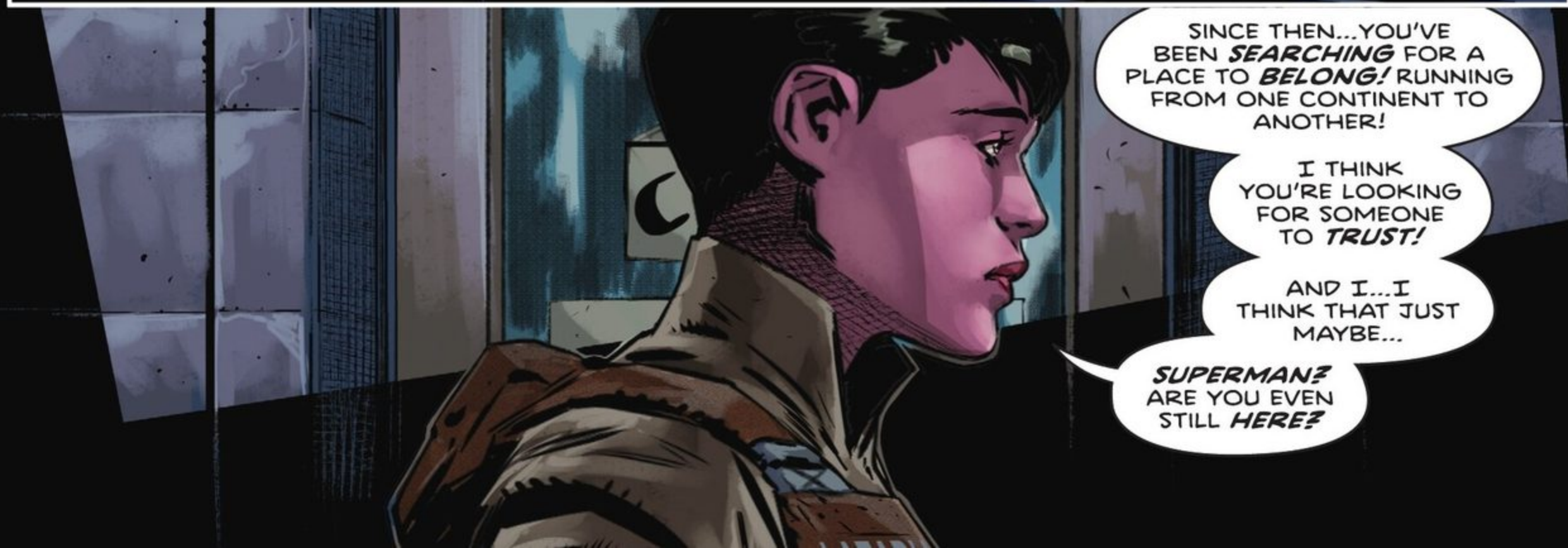
LAST FALL, THE FERGUSON FAMILY ON HUTCHINSON ROAD SWORE THEY WERE PULLED TO SAFETY... FROM INSIDE A **TORNADO**!

I KNOW WHY YOU KEEP COMING **BACK** HERE!



THE **KENT** FAMILY FARM! BY ALL ACCOUNTS, THEY WERE... THEY WERE **LOVELY** PEOPLE!

LAZARUS **TOOK** THAT FROM YOU!



SINCE THEN... YOU'VE BEEN **SEARCHING** FOR A PLACE TO **BELONG**! RUNNING FROM ONE CONTINENT TO ANOTHER!

I THINK YOU'RE LOOKING FOR SOMEONE TO **TRUST**!

AND I... I THINK THAT JUST MAYBE...

SUPERMAN? ARE YOU EVEN STILL **HERE?**



SUPERMAN
CAME BACK
TO FIGHT FOR
WHAT'S LEFT OF
SMALLVILLE!

LOOK
AT THIS
PLACE! LAZARUS
BOUGHT UP
EVERY INCH OF IT,
JUST SO THEY
COULD SHUT IT
DOWN!

ONLY JOBS
ARE IN THEIR
CHICKEN PLANTS
AND SUPERFARMS,
WHERE THESE PEOPLE
GET PAID **LAZARUS
CRYPTO** TO WORK
THE SAME LAND
THEY USED TO
OWN!



THAT'S THE
MASTER YOU SERVE,
LANE! SUPERMAN WOULD
BE **INSANE** TO
TRUST YOU!

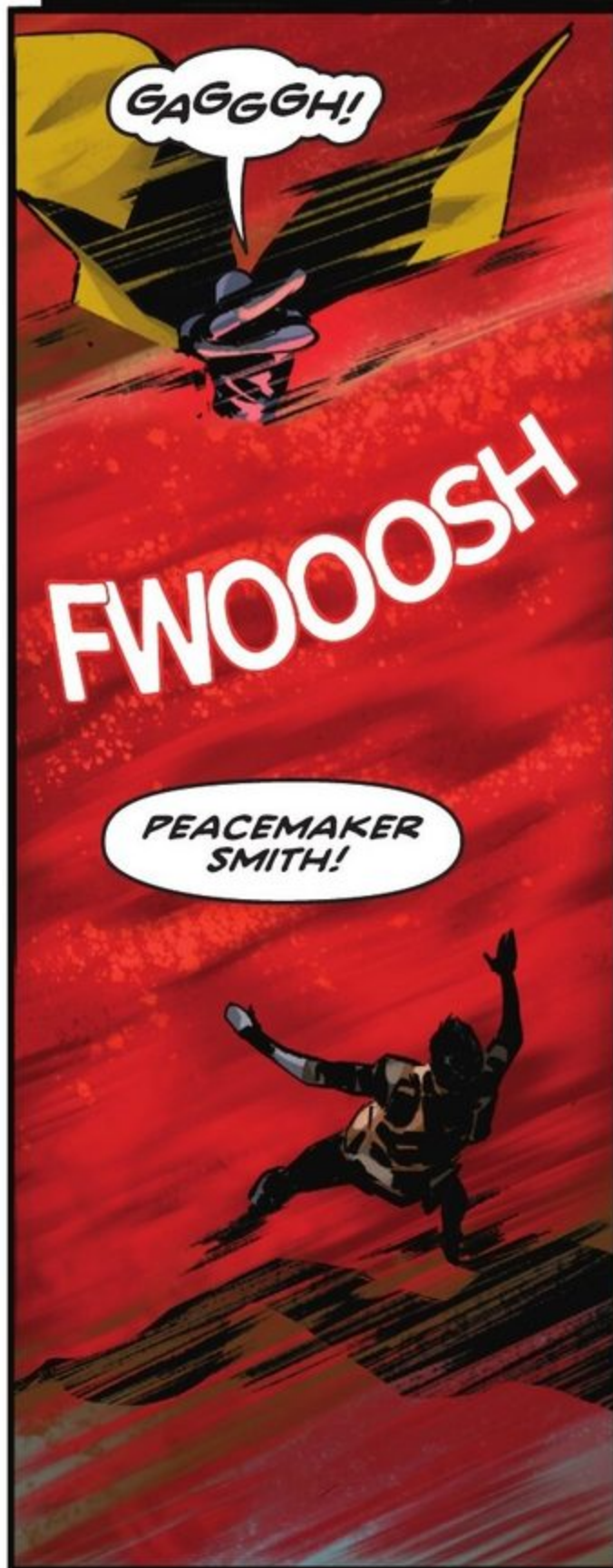
I'M NOT ABOUT
TO STAND HERE AND BE
LECTURED BY SOME...SOME
TERRORIST IN A...A
STUPID MASK!

OH
BOY, NOW
YOU'RE REALLY
IN DENIAL! **MY
MASK IS COOL,
AND YOU
KNOW
IT!**



THESE TWO ARE PERFECT
REPRESENTATIONS OF THEIR
PLANET'S DOMINANT PHYSIOLOGY.
PRODIGIOUS MOUTHS AND
DIMINUTIVE EARS.

KAL-EL, NEITHER OF
THESE INDIVIDUALS
SHOULD BE--



GAGGGH!

**PEACEMAKER
SMITH!**



I'M HERE
BECAUSE OF
HIM!

AND THE
INNOCENT PEOPLE
HE **MURDERED** IN
PAKISTAN!



I CAME
HERE...IN
HOPES OF...

...OF
**STOPPING
MYSELF...
FROM...**

KRAK



WE HAVE
TO GET HIM
OUT OF THE
STREET.

YOU'RE
NOT TOUCHING
HIM!

HE'S
BEEN SHOT IN
THE CHEST! HE'S
BLEEDING
OUT!

YOUR
PEOPLE DID
THIS!

AND YOU
LED THEM
HERE!

LOOK...YOU AND I,
WE'RE FROM OPPOSITE ENDS
OF THE SPECTRUM. WE DON'T
AGREE ON ANYTHING AND
NEVER WILL.

EXCEPT
FOR *THIS*.

IF WE STAND HERE
ARGUING...WHILE THIS
MIRACLE DIES AT
OUR FEET...

...WE WILL
NEVER LIVE
LONG ENOUGH TO
STOP REGRETTING
THE GREATEST
FAILURE OF
OUR LIVES.

HELP
ME GET HIM
OUT OF HERE.
PLEASE.

*BLOOD
TRAIL!* HEADED
THAT WAY!

SEARCH THOSE
BUILDINGS!

BELAY THAT
ORDER!



ALL
PEACEMAKERS,
SECURE THE PERIMETER.
WASTE WHOEVER'S
HELPING HIM.

BUT ANY OF
YOU HUMPS SO
MUCH AS *TOUCH*
SUPERMAN...

...I
WILL FEED
YOU YOUR
OWN DAMN
RIFLE. *BUTT*
FIRST!

YOU
HEARD
*CAPTAIN
SMITH!*
MOVE
OUT!



HE
CAN'T HAVE
GOTTEN FAR,
SIR. LOOKED
LIKE YOU HIT
HIM CENTER
MASS.

MAY I
SAY, SIR, IT'S
AN *HONOR*
TO BE ON THIS
OPERATION
WITH YOU.



WHAT
YOU'VE
DONE...IN
THE NAME OF
PEACE. TO A
LOT OF US
HERE...

WELL,
YOU'RE AN
INSPIRATION,
SIR.

OH, I'M
JUST GETTING
STARTED.

ESTABLISHING
CONNECTION WITH...
RECENTLY FIRED
BULLET.

CLOSED
LANG FAMILY DRUGS
NOW OWNED BY
LAZARUS CORP

NO EXIT
WOUND. BULLET'S
STILL *INSIDE*
HIM.

I THOUGHT HE
WAS SUPPOSED
TO BE *BULLET-
PROOF*.

HE WAS.
I'VE SEEN
SLUGS BOUNCE
OFF HIM LIKE
SPITBALLS.

WHAT THE HELL
DID THEY *SHOOT*
HIM WITH?

LAZARUS
MEANS
INNOVATION,
RIGHT?

KAL, I AM HAVING
GREAT DIFFICULTY
EXTRACTING THE
PROJECTILE.

ITS COMPOSITION
APPEARS TO BE...
NO, THAT IS
IMPOSSIBLE.

DON'T
CARE WHAT
IT IS. JUST...
GET IT OUT,
SOL.

HE WANTS *OUT*?
IS THAT WHAT HE SAID?
I CAN GET YOU OUTTA
HERE, SUPERMAN.
THE *OMEGA MEN*
CAN--

NO, YOU'RE
NOT TAKING
HIM! YOUR
PEOPLE ARE
KILLERS!

YOUR
PEOPLE ARE
KILLERS! AND
THEY'RE *RIGHT*
OUTSIDE!

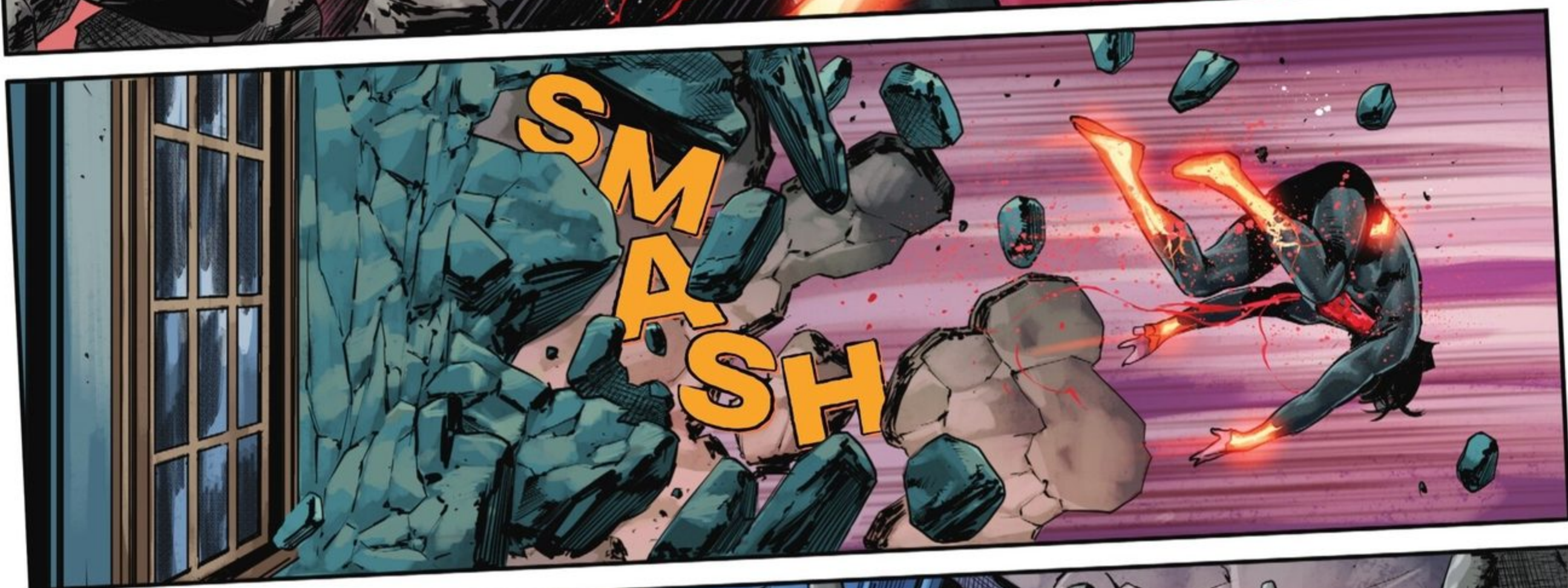
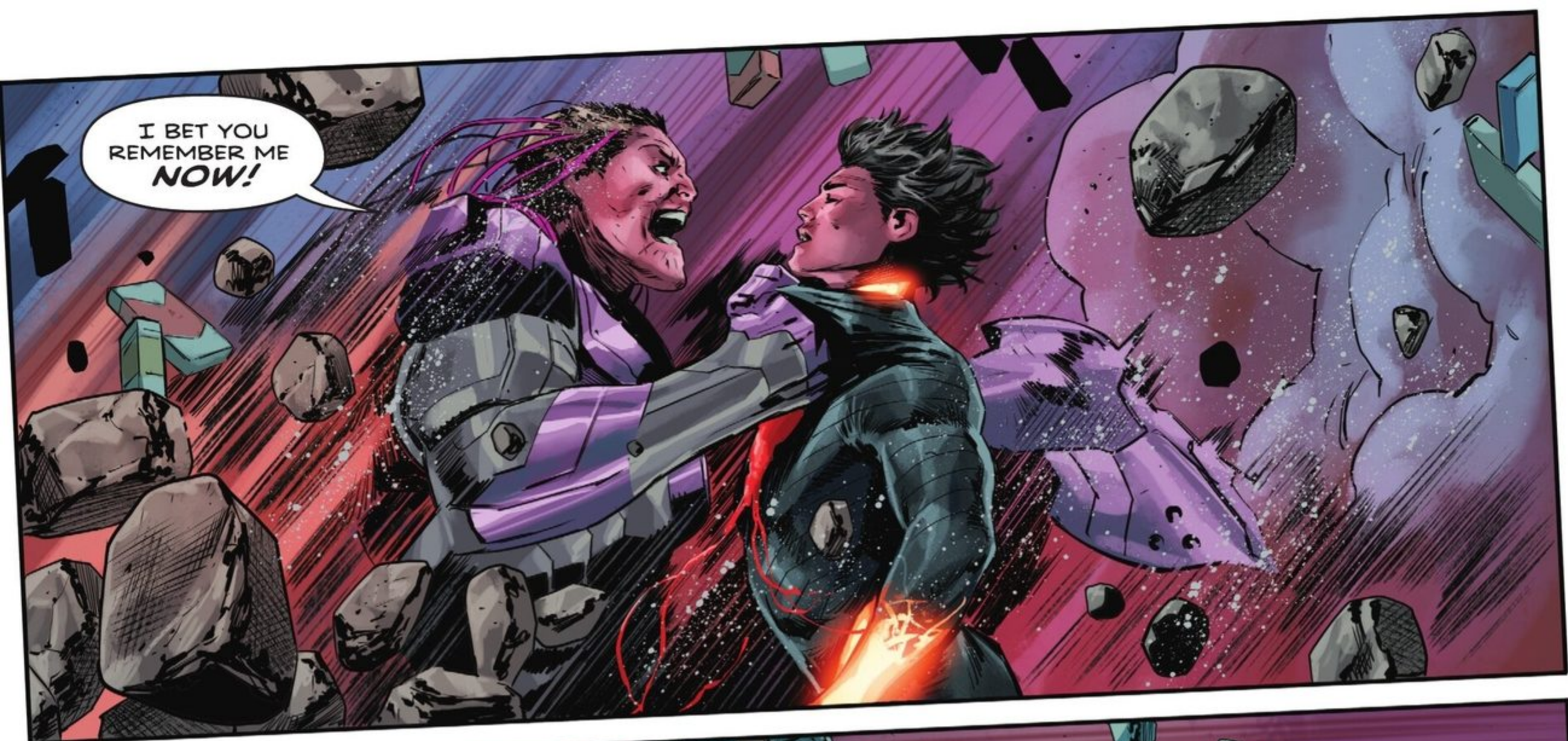
IF WE DON'T
GET HIM OUT OF
SMALLVILLE, THEY'RE
GONNA--

BULLET...
LOCATED.

GARRRGGG H!

THERE
YOU ARE!

KRRSH



PEACEMAKER SMITH'S ABILITIES APPEAR TO HAVE BEEN SIGNIFICANTLY UPGRADED.

AND THE SOLAR ENERGY IN YOUR CELLS IS BEING RAPIDLY DEPLETED BY THE BULLET'S RADIATION.

GRROGH!

KAL-EL, THIS FIGHT COULD KILL YOU.

GRRGH!

I MUST END THIS QUICKLY. ATTEMPTING TO DISABLE HIS IMPLANTS.

FKKRKLE

GAGGH!

KRRRNCH

KAL-EL, THE BULLET...IS OF KRYPTONIAN ORIGIN.

DO YOU EVEN KNOW WHAT LAZARUS MEANS?!

BRAINIAC SHOWED ME EVERYTHING!

I SERVE THE WILL OF GOD!

THE PLANET'S IRRADIATED REMAINS.

KAL, CAN YOU HEAR ME?

GET OFF HIM, SMITH!

NOW, YOU PSYCHO!



GUNS
DOWN, BOTH
OF YOU!

PEACEMAKERS,
ARREST THIS
MAN! SMITH IS A
MURDERER!

YOU'RE
THE ONE WHO'S
GONNA WIND UP IN
A CELL, AGENT LANE,
IF YOU DON'T LOWER
YOUR WEAPON
IMMEDIATELY!



ALL Y'ALL
PUT YOUR
DAMN GUNS
DOWN!

THEN MARCH
YOURSELVES
RIGHT OUTTA
SMALLVILLE!

THIS IS
STILL **OUR**
TOWN!



HEH.
**GOD BLESS
AMERICA.**

SIR, AH, WITH ALL DUE
RESPECT, OUR ORDERS COME
DIRECTLY FROM **LAZARUS
COMMAND**. WE'RE TO CAPTURE
SUPERMAN **ALIVE**.

WE
SHOULD
GRAB HIM
NOW
AND--



NO ONE TELLS
ME HOW TO KEEP
THE PEACE!

HGGHK!



WHAM

UUNGH!

SMITH!

YOU
SHOULD'VE
STAYED THE HELL
AWAY FROM
KANSAS!



UNLOCKING
SOLAR RESERVES.

INITIATING
TORNADO MODE.

NNRRRAARGH!



WHOA!

GAAAGHH!





HGGGHK!

I JUST PUNCHED YOU A **THOUSAND** TIMES IN THIRTY SECONDS.

STAY DOWN, SMITH.

HNGH.

ALL THAT **POWER** AND LOOK AT YOU... **AFRAID** OF YOUR OWN RAGE.

THOSE PEOPLE IN **ORANGI TOWN**... I MOWED 'EM DOWN... AND LAZARUS **PROMOTED** ME FOR IT.

AND YOU... YOU GOT MY **BULLET** IN YOU, KILLING YOUR ALIEN ASS... AND YOU'RE STILL **HOLDING BACK**.

NOT ANYMORE!

HEH. TOO LATE, PAL.

NOW IT'S **MY TURN** TO LAUGH.



KAL, RADIATION
LEVELS SPIKING.

I FEAR I CANNOT
MAINTAIN THE
INTEGRITY OF...OF...

WARNING--
SYSTEMS ERROR.

SOL...

SYSTEMS ERROR...
REBOOTING...
SYSTEMS ERROR...
REBOOTING...

RA'S AL
GHUL.



GRRHK!

THAT'S
GOD'S SECRET
NAME. BRAINIAC
TOLD ME.

AND GOD
SAYS ALL WE
GOTTA DO TO
SAVE THE
WORLD...

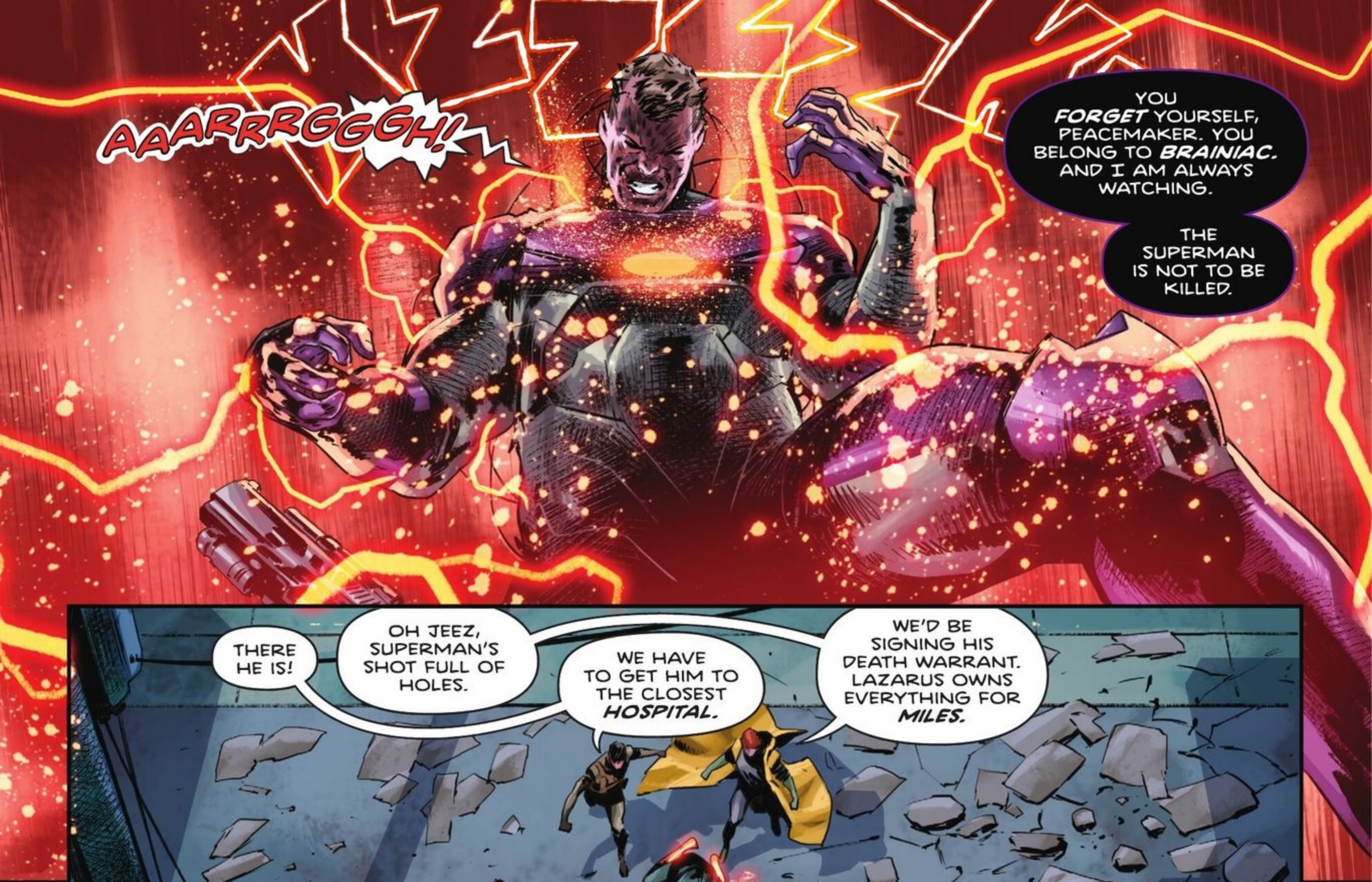
DON'T...



...IS MURDER
A WHOLE
BUNCHA
PEOPLE.

DON'T
MAKE
ME...

LAZARUS
MEANS
LIFE.



AAARRRGH!

YOU
FORGET YOURSELF,
PEACEMAKER. YOU
BELONG TO *BRAINIAC*.
AND I AM ALWAYS
WATCHING.

THE
SUPERMAN
IS NOT TO BE
KILLED.



THERE
HE IS!

OH JEEZ,
SUPERMAN'S
SHOT FULL OF
HOLES.

WE HAVE
TO GET HIM TO
THE CLOSEST
HOSPITAL.

WE'D BE
SIGNING HIS
DEATH WARRANT.
LAZARUS OWNS
EVERYTHING FOR
MILES.



WE HAVE TO DO
SOMETHING! WE
CAN'T JUST...

GET ME...
OUT OF
HERE.

WE'RE
TRYING! WE
JUST DON'T
KNOW WHAT
TO--

NO...



YOU.



YOU SAID
YOU HAD A WAY
TO SAVE HIM. DID
YOU *MEAN* IT?

YES.
I...I
DO.

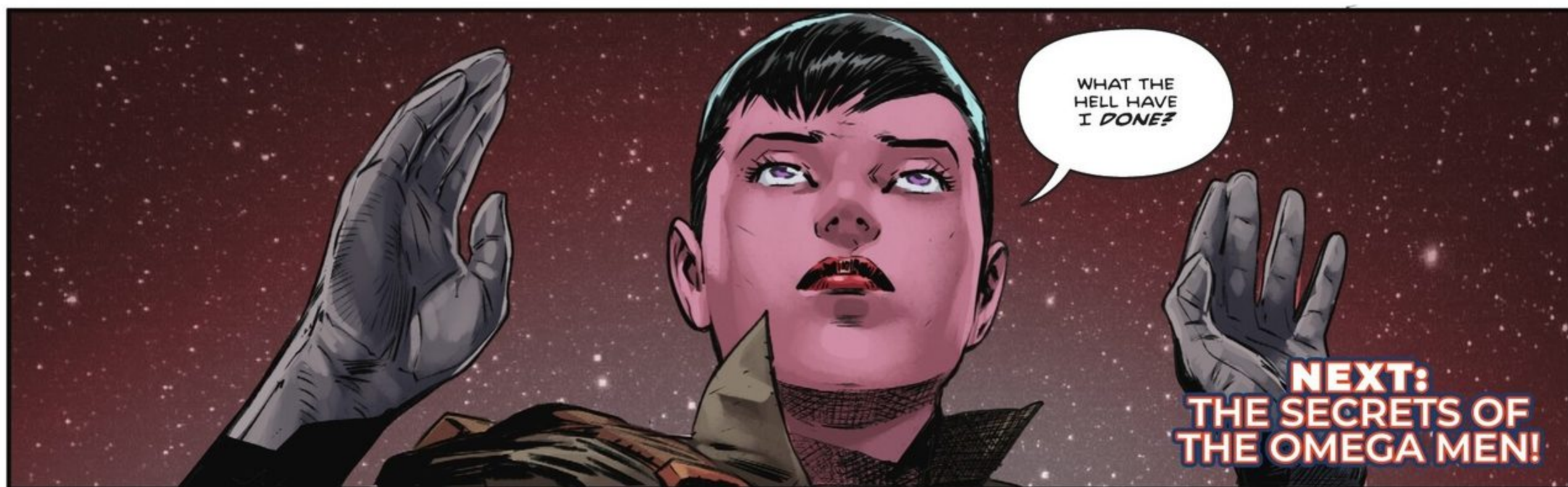
THEN
DO IT.



THIS IS
OLSEN. I MEAN...
THIS IS *AGENT*
ALPHA.

I NEED A
BOOM.





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LAZARUS,
COME FORTH

SUPERMAN CREATED BY JERRY
SIEGEL & JOE SHUSTER. BY SPECIAL
ARRANGEMENT WITH THE JERRY
SIEGEL FAMILY.

THE PAST NEVER DIES IN GOTHAM...IT BURNS.
AND THE RED HOOD GANG LIT THE MATCH.

BATMAN^{#7}

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A CHILLING
NEW 3-ISSUE
MYSTERY
BEGINS
JUNE



NATION

SPOTLIGHT ON

ALL IN

TRINITY

DAUGHTER OF WONDER WOMAN

INTERVIEW WITH TOM KING

Prepare for an exciting new chapter with Trinity in her first-ever full-length miniseries, *Trinity: Daughter of Wonder Woman*! Writer Tom King and artist Belén Ortega team up to take Trinity on her most dangerous adventure yet as she joins forces with the Super Sons to navigate the chaos of time travel. King shares how his own family inspired Trinity's creation and how she carries forward Wonder Woman's legacy in a bold new way.

What drew you to the idea of introducing Trinity into the DC Universe?

Batman has a kid, Superman has a kid, and I just kept thinking, they need a sister. I have three children myself, two boys and a girl, and I know firsthand how special that dynamic can be. They balance each other out, they compete, they drive each other crazy, but they also love and support one another. That kind of relationship felt like something fresh and exciting to bring to the DC Universe.

When I was developing Trinity, I kept sharing my ideas with my daughter. She was 12 when I started *Wonder Woman*, and she's 14 now.

The moment I told her Wonder Woman had a daughter, her face just lit up. She immediately wanted to know more, what it meant to be the daughter of Wonder Woman. That's what sparked her interest, and she said, "I want to read that story!" I'm smart enough to follow my daughter's spark, always.

What do you hope readers will take away from Trinity's story and her place in Wonder Woman's mythology?

I've been lucky enough to write both Batman and Superman, and in many ways, they reinforce the system. They uphold a structure that already exists. But Wonder Woman? She's punk rock.

She's about revolution, and her revolution is one of love, compassion, and care. That's what makes her truly unique, and that's the energy I wanted to capture in my *Wonder Woman* run, and now with Trinity.

I think there's a perception that Wonder Woman is this generic symbol of goodness, but what really sets her apart is her rebellious spirit. She doesn't just accept the system, she wants to change it.

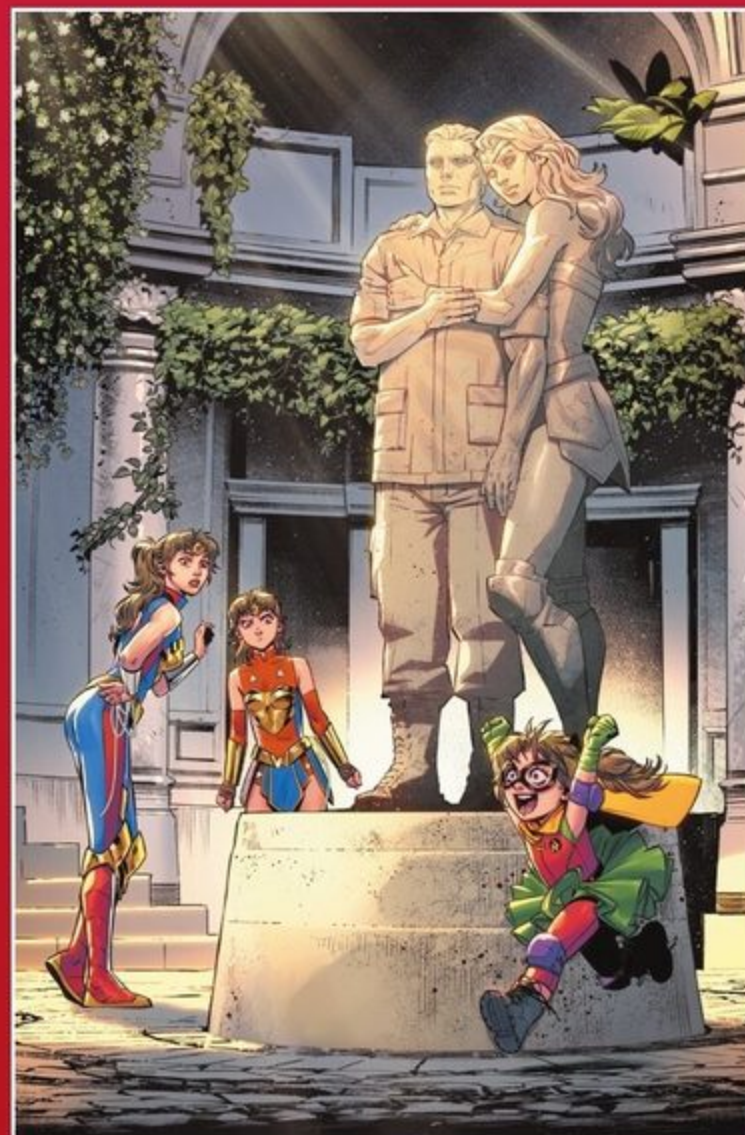
**DON'T MISS
TRINITY: DAUGHTER
OF WONDER WOMAN,
ON SALE MONTHLY!**



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